

Town of Hingham



Harbor Development Committee

Minutes

July 14, 2020

Members: W. Reardon (Chair), D. Anderson, M. Boer, R. Conroy, K. Doran, B. MacAloney

Others: Ken Corson (Harbormaster), JR Frey (Town Engineer), Heidi Gaul (ZOOM Host), Nancy Kerber (former President of Hingham Maritime) and members of the public via ZOOM

1. Call to order and reading of disclaimer: 7:35pm
2. Approval of minutes from June 16, 2020 meeting
3. Open Issues (Recurring matters):

a. Town Wharf Projects—Reardon and Town Engineer Frey

Discussion involved Committee member questions to Town Engineer Frey as collected by Chair Reardon prior to the meeting as related to the next steps in design and permitting for the town wharfs, particularly with respect to resiliency considerations. The Committee agreed to move forward with design and permitting of Town Pier. The Committee will recommend an 11 foot wall permit for Town Pier with consideration of an option for a value based design (focused on safety, aesthetics and concept of Town Pier as an anchor point for future accessibility planning).

In order to continue the discussion of a value-based approach (as noted above), Town Engineer Frey will engage with Beals + Thomas and will attempt to arrange for them to attend the August HDC meeting

b. Bathing Beach Trustees update—Reardon for the Bathing Beach Trustees

Based on a discussion with a member of the Trustees Chairman Reardon reported that the opening of new Bath House is still anticipated to be mid-August.

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c. Launch of MAPC “Harbor and Downtown Sustainable Vision Study”— Reardon

Discussion included a recap of the July 8 kickoff meeting for the above-mentioned vision study. The Committee agreed to again submit a CPC application to fund the Harbor Master Plan update which would be in addition to or in lieu of the town’s harbor and downtown sustainable vision study. Preliminary CPC applications are due mid-September and the deadline for final proposals will be October 13. Chair Reardon and HDC member Boer will prepare the application.

d. Harbormaster matters—Corson

The town received a grant from Homeland Security for Harbormaster boat and camera equipment maintenance. Additional discussion included ideas broadening communication regarding regulations and/or harbor updates (i.e., creating new or utilizing existing town websites, etc.).

4. Next meeting date: August 25, 2020

5. Adjournment: 10:22pm